

The Commonwealth of Virginia.



To *James M. Smith* Greeting:

Know You, That from special trust and confidence reposed in your fidelity, courage and good conduct, our GOVERNOR, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, doth commission you Adjutant, or mustering officer of the *12th* Regiment of the *2d* Brigade and *1st* Division of the Virginia Militia, to discharge the duties imposed by the 38th section of the act entitled "An Act for the better organization of the Militia of the Commonwealth," passed March 30th, 1860.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name as Governor, and caused the Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, this *30th* day of *March* 186*0*.

St. P. Smith

Adj. Gen. 11-9-60

A. J. Bowman Secy.

Commission of John Sharp as an officer in the militia of the new state of West Virginia. Dated September 30, 1863, and signed by Arthur I. Boreman, first governor of West Virginia. Note that a Virginia form has been used.